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**ABERCARN
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR THE YEAR 1965.

ABERCARN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Councillors:

Chairman	-	-	-	Councillor F. Edwards,
				B.E.M., J.P.
Vice-Chairman	-	-	-	Councillor F. Matthews.
Councillor H. J. Reed.				Councillor A. Barton.
„ B. Edwards.			„	J. Strange.
„ O. Thorne.			„	F. Knight.
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„ W. H. Davies.			„	A. P. Griffiths.
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„ J. C. Pearce.			„	Ellis H. Williams.
„ R. J. Robson.			„	L. S. Gulliford.

Officers:

Clerk & Solicitor	-	-	-	-	N. C. Bizley.
Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer				-	T. H. Dixon.
Medical Officer of Health	-	-	-	-	Dr. H. V. M. Jones.
Engineer & Surveyor	-	-	-	-	M. T. Benjamin.
Public Health Inspector	-	-	-	-	Lloyd G. Hale.
Housing Engineer	-	-	-	-	J. H. M. Jolliffe

"Methinks I am a prophet new inspired."
Richard the Second.

MR. CHAIRMAN, AND GENTLEMEN,

It is with pleasure I once again submit for your consideration my Annual Report. However, there is more than a tinge of regret in presenting this report, realising as I do, that I shall have retired as your Medical Officer of Health, in early 1966.

My successor can look forward to very many exciting possibilities in the medical field, for example, the eliminating of the common cold. That irritating cold, that costs the nation millions of manhours lost in terms of work and the Government millions of pounds in claims via the Ministry of National Insurance, not to say loss of production, etc.

It is not beyond the possibility of the weather men to play, perhaps an important part in lessening the scourge of bronchitis, the "Englishman's Disease," continentals call it, by giving the country weather to order. Shakespeare was somewhat contradictory when he described Britain as "This island, shrouded by mists and fogs" and again

"This fortress built by nature for herself;

Against infection and the hand of war."

This fog shrouded isle has kept bronchitis to herself and sad to relate no great and lasting progress has been made in controlling this disease. Perhaps where medical science has failed, the controlling of the forces of nature by the physicists may lead to a dramatic fall in bronchitis in this country in the generation to come, by their ability to control the abominable weather.

Perhaps it is not being too optimistic to prophesy a complete breakthrough in the control of cancer in the next generation. Already, the control of the so called common cancers are in sight, that is to say of the stomach, breast, rectum and skin and to a lesser degree the lung.

The uncommon cancers, leukaemia, embryonic tumours, malignant melanoma, thyroid cancer are understood more readily by medical science than a generation ago.

Not so startling an idea, when one reflects that a generation ago, who would then prophesy that in 1965, tuberculosis in the human would be almost completely eradicated. Diagnosis today is so quick, so sure, so complete that the disease is now regarded as an inconvenience to the patient. What advances from the days of the Clement Davies report in the early thirties. If there is any substance that malnutrition was one of the causes of the high incidence of tuberculosis in Wales in the early thirties, it is certain that obesity will be a great killing disease of the future.

Past economic depression brought many diseases in its wake, will the affluent society be the cause of eating to bursting point?

May I conclude by saying "thank you" to the Council and the staff, for their ready help at all times. Their assistance I feel has enabled me to discharge my duties to the best possible advantage to the Authority, making my long stay in Abercarn a pleasant one and one which I shall cherish.

"Whether tis nobler in the mind to suffer, the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune."

Hamlet.

Area of Abercarn Urban District Council	9,543 acres
Population—Registrar-General's Estimate	19,290
Inhabited Houses	5,785
Number of Houses owned by the Council	1,764
Rateable Value 1st April, 1964	£359,417
... .. 1st April, 1965	£364,618
... .. 1st April, 1966	£365,597
Product of Penny Rate 1963/4	£1,415/0/0
... .. 1964/5	£1,410/0/0
... .. 1965/6	£1,405/0/0
	(Est.).

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

			1963	1964	1965
Males	174	168	153
Females	158	146	150
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			332	314	303
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Birth Rate of 1,000 of the Population ...					15.71

Stillbirths.

			1963	1964	1965
Stillbirth rate of 1,000 of the Population55	.412	.25

DEATHS.

			1963	1964	1965
Males	138	116	104
Females	116	93	100
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			254	209	204
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*“Or to take up arms against a sea of troubles,
And by opposing end them.”*

Hamlet.

					1965
Live Births	...	...	...	...	303
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	17.51
Still-births	...	...	...	...	5
Still-birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	...	...	...	...	15.8
Infant Deaths	...	...	...	...	10
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—total	...	...	...	...	33.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births—	...	...	...	...
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	33.0
Neo Natal (first four weeks)	...	...	...	...	5
Death rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	10.57

INFANTILE MORTALITY.


Number of Deaths under One Year:

			1963	1964	1965
Boys	...	...	8	6	6
Girls	...	...	5	3	4
			—	—	—
			13	9	10
			—	—	—
Infantile Mortality Rate			...	...	33.0

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES.

				0 to 1 week.	1 to 4 weeks.	4 weeks to one year.
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	5	2	3
Measles	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	—
Influenza	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cerebral Spinal Fever	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cancer (Malignant Disease)	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Bronchitis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Pneumonia (All forms)	...	...	...	—	—	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diarrhoea	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital Debility	...	...	...	1	2	—
Premature Births	...	...	...	—	—	—
Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	—	—	—
Violence	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other Causes	...	...	...	4	—	1
				—	—	—
				5	2	3
				—	—	—

*"He stretched in vain to reach the prize,
and tumbled headlong in."*

Grey. 

ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASES—DEATHS.

			1963	1964	1965
Bronchitis	23	18	16
Pneumonia	9	9	7
Other Forms	4	4	3
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			36	31	26
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CANCER DEATHS.

			1963	1964	1965
Males	23	23	19
Females	13	14	19
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			36	37	38
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Infectious Diseases.

The principal Notifiable Diseases are Smallpox, Typhoid, Typhus, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Puerperal Fever, Ophthalmia Neonatorum and Continued Fever.

There were no deaths from the Principal Notifiable Diseases during 1965.

*"There is some ill a-brewing towards my rest,
For I did dream of money bags tonight."*
Shylock.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1965.

1964				1965			
M.	F.			M.	F.		
116	93	ALL CAUSES	... ..	104	100		
		Tuberculosis-Respiratory System	...	—	1		
		Tuberculosis Other	... ..	—	—	
		Syphilitic Disease	... ..	1	—		
		Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	1	5		
		Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	...	7	1		
		Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	... ..	—	4		
		Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	... ..	—	2		
		Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	...	10	7		
		Leukæmia, Aleukæmia	... ..	1	—		
		Diabetes	... ..	—	1		
		Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	...	12	21		
		Coronary Disease, Angina	... ..	29	10		
		Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	3	7		
		Other Heart Disease	... ..	2	19		
		Other Circulatory Disease	... ..	2	5		
		Influenza	... ..	—	—	
		Pneumonia	... ..	5	2		
		Bronchitis	... ..	14	2		
		Other Diseases of Respiratory System	...	3	—		
		Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	—	—		
		Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...	—	—		
		Nephritis and Nephrosis	... ..	2	—		
		Hyperplasia of Prostrate	... ..	—	—	
		Congenital Malformations	... ..	2	3		
		Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases...	...	6	9		
		Motor Vehicle Accidents	... ..	—	—	
		All Other Accidents	... ..	3	—		
		Suicide	... ..	1	—		
		Homicide and Operations of War	...	—	1		

*"And thus I clothe my naked villainy And seem a saint,
when most I play the Devil."* King Richard III.

ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS.

Diseases.	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 plus	Total
Scarlet Fever ...	—	—	—	1	1	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	7
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	—	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	6	—	—	—	17
Pneumonia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ...	—	1	1	2	3	4	3	4	6	—	—	—	24

Total Number of Infectious Diseases in Age Groups: 24.

*"The notions of his spirit are as dull as night;
And his affection dark as Erebus,
Let no such man be trusted."*

Merchant of Venice.

NUMBER OF CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

	1962	1963	1964	1965
Scarlet Fever ...	1	3	1	7
Dysentery ...	—	1	—	17
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—
Cerebral Spinal Fever ...	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia ...	—	2	6	—
Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ...	—	—	1	—
Tuberculosis ...	13	3	7	10
Whooping Cough ...	—	—	13	—
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning ...	—	—	1	30
Paratyphoid Fever ...	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	5	45	444	—
	19	54	473	64

*"If music be the food of love play on,
Give my excess of it, that surfeiting."
Twelfth Night.*

VACCINATION—SMALLPOX.

Vaccination for the year totalled ... 61

The following table is submitted for your information :—

(1) Number of Persons Vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during the period.

Age at date of vaccination	Under 2	2—4	4—15	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated ...	27	28	1	—	56
Number re-vaccinated ...	1	1	3	—	5

(2) Number of Cases Specially Reported during Period (Age Groups as above).

(a) Generalised Vaccinia	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Post-vaccinal Encephalo-myelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Death from complications of vaccination other than (a) or (b)	—	—	—	—	—	—

TRIPLE IMMUNISATION—WHOOPIING COUGH, TETANUS, DIPHTHERIA.

Age at date of Immunisation	Under 1	1-2	2-4	4-8	8-16	Over 16	Total
Number Immunised	77	122	13	8	6	1	227
Number Re-immunised	—	25	120	16	26	4	191

Immunisation for the year totalled ... 418.

*"The man that hath no music in himself,
Is fit for treason."*

Merchant of Venice.

INFANT WELFARE CENTRE ATTENDANCES.

Attendances at the Infant Welfare Centres for the year 1965 are set out in the following table for your information:—

Centre			Under 1	1964	1959-63
Cwmcarn	...	...	58	50	132
Abercarn	...	...	33	50	60
Newbridge	...	...	114	150	173
Pantside	...	...	18	10	34
Hafodyrynys	...	...	62	56	68
Trinant	...	...	53	60	55

Centre.		Over 1			Total
		Under 1	Under 2	Under 5	
Cwmcarn	...	657	735	749	2,141
Abercarn	...	282	321	328	931
Newbridge	...	1,072	927	607	2,606
Pantside	...	208	124	95	427
Hafodyrynys	...	601	422	402	1,425
Trinant	...	564	380	242	1,186

Attendances at the Cwmcarn Centre	...	2,141
Attendances at the Abercarn Centre	...	931
Attendances at the Newbridge Centre	...	2,606
Attendances at the Pantside Centre	...	427
Attendances at the Hafodyrynys Centre	...	1,425
Attendances at the Trinant Centre	...	1,186

Total Attendances for the year 1965... 8,716

*"In peace there's nothing so becomes a man,
As modest stillness and humility."*

Henry V.

SUMMARY OF TUBERCULOSIS CASES.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Total Cases on Register					
31-12-64	84	81	15	15	195
New Cases, 1965 ...	3	4	—	—	7
Deaths	2	1	—	—	3
Recovered	1	—	—	—	1
Removed for other					
Reasons	38	23	11	9	81
Removed from District...	—	—	—	—	—
	—	—	—	—	—
Total Cases on Register					
31-12-65	46	61	4	6	117
	—	—	—	—	—

*"In war imitate the action of the tiger; stiffen the sinews,
Summon up the blood, disguise fair nature with hard-
favour'd Rage."*

Henry V.

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Out-Breaks in the Area of the Abercarn Urban District Council for the year 1st January, to 31st December, 1965.

In accordance with the Circular 46/49 (Wales) dated 24th May, 1949, Returns as per Memo. 188/MED. (Appendix I) are submitted herewith.

Annual Return of Food Poisoning Notifications (corrected).

Local Authority Abercarn Urban District Council, year 1st January, 1965, to 31st December, 1965.

(2nd) Food Poisoning Notification Corrected Return to R.G.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Nil	Nil	13	17	30

(3rd) Outbreaks due to identified Agents.

Total Outbreaks ... 2 Total Cases ... 2

(3rd A) Outbreak due to Salmonella Organisms ... 2

(4th) Outbreaks of Undiscovered Cause.

Total Outbreaks ... 28 Total Cases ... 28

(5th) Outbreaks.

Single Cases	...	...	...	...	19
Agent Identified	...	...	...	...	2
Unknown Cases	...	...	...	...	28

Where individual investigations were made into sporadic cases, notified by the General Practitioner and the four family outbreaks shown, no unconsumed food was available for bacteriological sampling. Symptoms were mild vomiting in some cases and Diarrhoea, the duration of the illness was two to three days, with the exception of the cases of Salmonella Stanley. In both the cases the patients were placed in Isolation Hospital, at Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE HEALTH SERVICE.

Medical Officer of Health :

Dr. H. V. M. Jones,, M.B. (Lon.), D.P.H.(Liv.).

Public Health Inspector :

Lloyd G. Hale, F.R.S.H.

Maternity and Child Welfare Services.

These services are maintained by the County Council at Cwmcam, Abercam, Newbridge, Pantside, Hafodyrynys and Trinant.

Isolation Hospitals.

There are no Isolation Hospitals in the Council's Area, but arrangements have been made for Infectious Diseases cases to be admitted to the Bedwellty Isolation Hospital, Aberbargoed, and Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport.

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

It is now the duty of the County Council to administer this service. This duty is performed by their Area Medical Officers.

Ambulance Service.

Under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the County Council now administers the Ambulance Service.

Bacteriological Examination of Pathological Specimens.

Samples of Milk, Ice-cream, Water and samples from the Council's Swimming Baths were submitted to the Laboratory at the County Hall for examination during the year.

Water Supplies.

The Council is a constituent Authority of the Abertillery and District Water Board. The chief supply is obtained from Grwyne-Fawr Reservoir situated in the Black Mountains, Breconshire, subsidiary supplies are obtained from local sources. The water is of good quality and large supplementary quantities were obtained from Llanover Scheme. The water is sampled by the Board and from time to time by the Local Authority (who submitted samples for bacteriological examination). Where necessary the supplies were chlorinated by the Board's Officials.

Number of houses with piped supply	...	5,765
Number of houses supplied from wells and springs (estimated)	... ..	12
Approximate population supplied from Public Water Mains, direct to Houses...		19,242

During the year inspections were made of water supplies and systems generally, where the pressure was reported to be low. Upon inspection it was found that in almost all cases the corrosion of pipes was responsible for inadequate supplies for all domestic purposes. In such cases, Informal Notices and where necessary Statutory Notices under Section 138 of the Public Health Act, 1936, as amended by Section 30 of the Water Act, 1945, were served with complete success.

Sewers and Drains.

The Council is a constituent Member of the Western Valley Sewerage Board. The Council's subsidiary sewers are connected to the Main Trunk Sewer.

Scavenging.

Scavenging is carried out by direct labour twice weekly. The tip is situated at Fields Park Road, Newbridge, and another at the northern end of the District at Trinant.

Refuse Disposal.

Regular inspections in connection with Rodent Control and Fly Breeding have been carried out, and extensive treatments for the elimination of rodents and flies are continually being undertaken.

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies, Milk and Ice-Cream.

A total of Fifty samples were submitted for bacteriological examination during the year.

Twenty-five milk, seven water and eighteen ice-cream. The milk samples were purchased off vendors in the course of delivery to the consumers, at school canteens and factory canteens.

The water samples were taken from land springs, such as are at the Colliery Road, Cwmcarn, and near Pennar Villa, New Bethel, the Council's swimming baths and certain water supply taps in factories and schools in the Area. All samples submitted proved to be satisfactory.

All the Ice-Cream samples were placed in the Grade I category.

*“When that I was and a little tiny boy,
With hey, ho, the wind and the rain,
For the rain it raineth every day.”*
Twelfth Night.

Rainfall.

The table shows the monthly rainfall, also the day of the month when the greatest fall occurred.

Month	Total Inches of Rainfall	Greatest fall in 24 Hrs. Day	Inches	No. of days of Recorded Rainfall
January ...	5.95	16th & 22nd	1.20	10
February ...	0.25	17th	0.20	2
March ...	4.59	15th	1.05	8
April ...	1.71	22nd	0.65	5
May ...	3.30	24th	0.85	8
June ...	5.95	14th	1.50	12
July ...	8.72	13th	1.38	13
August ...	3.30	17th	1.25	8
September ...	5.90	8th & 17th	1.25	9
October ...	1.55	31st	1.25	2
November ...	7.50	28th	1.75	12
December ...	11.30	16th	1.40	18
Total ...	60.01	28th	1.75	107

Rainfall is recorded at Abercarn Cemetery.
Height above Sea Level: 539.9 feet.

*"He that filches from me my good name;
Robs me, of that which no way enriches him,
And leaves me poor indeed."* Othello.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Housing.

During the year Twenty Senior Citizens Housing Units were completed, making a grand total of some 1,764 properties owned by the Council.

While some Fifteen housing units were built privately A somewhat disappointing year from a real progress point of view.

It was to be hoped that during the year under review the bulk of the houses on the Pant Estate would be under construction, here, staff changes, and unforeseen difficulties, have meant a year's delay before commencement of building operations.

On the larger private housing estates at Holmleigh and Croespenmaen, individual applicants have found difficulty in arranging mortgages, tending to slow down the number of housing units built for sale.

The uncertainty of the capability of the trunk sewer to take this increase in effluent has also tended to slow down building.

Various schemes are being actively pursued for the taking down of the temporary bungalows at Pentwynmawr, and the permanent bungalows at Croespenmaen and Trinant, a total of One-Hundred and Fifty bungalows, in order that these sites may be re-developed.

It is pleasing to note that the Council have also evolved a formula in not reletting a section of The Ranks, Abercarn, in order that this vexatious problem of continually reletting these houses may be overcome, with a view to the ultimate redevelopment of this site.

Demolitions.

In this year under review seven Demolition Orders were made, the number of houses demolished was two, and properties closed as unfit for human habitation totalled three.

The number of houses on which Closing and Demolition Orders have been made totals two-hundred and nine, and this process will undoubtedly be accelerated when the Council resume their building activities, until the present list of houses for demolition is exhausted.

Council House Inspections.

During the year under review, approximately One-Hundred and Seventy inspections were made resulting in some Two-Hundred and Twelve visits. The Department inspects and an assessment is made as to whether the property has been maintained from a decorative point of view up to a reasonable standard, having regard to size of the family, age of the tenants, and various other factors. Housing defects are not taken into account, at the time of inspection, as this is the responsibility of the Housing Engineer's Department and a separate inspection is made by that Department for this reason.

I trust that the above information will be noted by the Members of the Council as there appears to be some confusion from time to time as to the functions of the Departments in Housing Inspections.

Improvement Grants.

Some Sixty applications were received during the year:

48 Discretionary Grants.

12 Standard Grants.

While Twenty-Seven were dealt with by the declaration of an Improvement Area.

The department was pleased to be able to recommend such an Area to the Council. It is somewhat disappointing to have to report that no further Areas were declared. There were possibilities of another forty-nine houses being declared as an Improvement Area. Especially when Thirty-Six owners and tenants were interested enough to attend an open-air meeting.

The informal talk explained the four possible ways of applying for Improvement Grants. The maximum grant allowable under the four schemes:—

- (1) Discretionary Grant, up to £800.
- (2) New Limit of £350 for Standard Grant.
- (3) Old Standard Grant (ceiling figure of £310).
- (4) The lower reduced standard amenities.

The financial savings resulting from applying altogether by way of an Improvement Area, would be the cutting of architects fees and prices by way of tender would obviously be reduced.

The successful contractor would reduce tender figures to the minimum, after all he is getting his profit forty-nine times not once in a street of this size, it was explained. The questions came thick and fast at the end of the talk. The interest was very pleasing and attendances certainly larger than many a political meeting.

However, the writer had a great advantage over the politicians, he was inviting persons to apply for £400 or £175 or £155, gratis. To have modern conveniences in the house for half-price as it were. The consensus of opinion at the time was excellent idea, old fellah, good show.

The anti-climax was insufferable, two applications only. I often wonder what went wrong on that windswept Welsh hill, where the houses are built in terraces with a gradient of 1 in 7. Was it the last question asked by a cloth capped, short, stodgy miner, his face and hands marked indelibly blue the tell-tale signs of his profession.

The Question:—

You'll give us this money and you wont want it back?

Answer : That is correct.

Question: Do they put the rates up after?

Answer: Yes, but not very much, about £2 per year, as the rate poundage stands.

The damage was done, his bronchitic laugh re-echoed through those ancient hills long after I had retired defeated, "Ah Ah! I knew there was a catch in it, you'll have the b—— lot back in a couple of years and more besides". He was not prepared to believe that £2 into £400 would be 200 years etc. Try saying to the elder in the street, the Welsh father confessor, its the Inland Revenue's fault, they fix re-valuation, not the much maligned Council.

Try giving him some more salient facts while he is lighting his pipe. At that moment he is remarkably deaf, more concerned in lighting his pipe. Satisfied the pipe is well lit he pushes his way through the crowd back up the street, shouting over his shoulder as he goes home for his tea "and who collects the rates". The perversity of the man.

However, he must have enjoyed his tea that night, and the evenings that followed, as he regaled his friends in his local pub, with his version of how he told them down those Council Offices, a thing or two.

Next time such a thing happens, I'll declare my interest, my pride at being a Local Government Officer will be forgotten. I will tell them, look boys I'm one of you. I worked in the colliery that was once named the cockpit of South Wales for thirteen shillings a week.

Next time, it will be, he's one of us, he's one of us I tell you, he wont fiddle us, come on boys, fill up the forms, that's right, on that wall over there.

Next time, it will be "nils desperandum".

"Hail him away, and let him talk no more".

Henry VI.

Exterior.				1965
Chimney stacks rebuilt or repaired	...	...	...	17
Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	75
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters renewed or repaired	...	...	...	55
Walls—rebuilt or repaired	...	...	...	24
rendered for the prevention of dampness				2
external plastering repaired	...	...	...	—
damp proof courses inserted	...	...	...	—
Outbuildings repaired	...	...	...	1
Obstructive outbuildings demolished	...	...	...	1
Yards, passages, etc., paved or repaired...	...	...	...
Interior.				
Doors and frames renewed or repaired	...	...	...	67
Floors renewed or repaired	...	...	...	13
Floors ventilated	...	...	...	—

Grates or ovens renewed or repaired	...	...	7
Internal plastering (walls) repaired or replastered			34
Internal plastering (ceilings) repaired or replastered			21
Larders provided	...	...	—
Larders improved or repaired	...	...	4
Staircases repaired	...	...	4
Windows and frames renewed or repaired	...		102
Window cords renewed	...	...	22

Drainage.

New Drains constructed	...	...	98
Drains cleansed	...	...	294
Drains reconstructed	...	...	82
Drains repaired	...	...	73
Drains tested—Water	...	...	14
Smoke	...	...	—
Chemical	...	...	—
Gullies fixed	...	...	19
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	...		4
Intercepting traps provided or repaired	...		8
Lavatory basins or baths waste pipes trapped or repaired	...	...	22
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	...		14
Soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed or repaired...			4
Waste water sinks trapped or waste pipes repaired			32

Water Closets.

Water closet buildings repaired	...	...	7
Seats, doors renewed or repaired	...	...	5
Water closets reconstructed	...	...	18
New W.C. pans and traps fixed	...	...	5
Flushing apparatus provided	...	...
Flushing apparatus repaired	...	...	3

Miscellaneous Repairs and Nuisances Abated.

Storage accommodation provided or improved	...		6
Water supply provided	...	...	5
Water taps or pipes repaired	...	...	6
Other repairs and nuisances abated	...	...	56
Total	...	...	1,024

Housing.

Number of Dwelling Houses inspected	...	...	1,095
Re-inspected	...	...	714
Number of premises at which repairs and improvements have been carried out	...	...	60
Warning Notices	...	...	207
Remedied without Notice	...	...	183
Statutory Notices served	...	...	121
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	121
Statutory Notices not complied with	...	...	Nil
Number of Houses in the Area	...	...	5,785
Number of Dwelling Houses erected during the year by the Council	...	...	20
Number of New Houses erected privately in the year 1965	...	...	15

Drainage.

Drainage stoppages dealt with, new drainage connections, improvements and repairs	314
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The following statement is in the form prescribed by the Ministry:—

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected during the year for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... 548
 - (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose ... 612
 - (2) (a) Demolition Orders made ... 7
 - (b) Closing Orders made ... 3
 - (3) Undertakings accepted not to re-let for human habitation ... Nil
 - (4) Closing Orders revoked after premises have been made fit ... 2
2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notices ... 198

Number of dwelling houses rendered fit for occupation in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 194

3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair				121
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notice				121
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	121
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	Nil
Number of Houses under Circular 2845	...			Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—				
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repair	...	...	...	50
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit	...	...	...	50
(a) By Owners	...	...	...	50
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners				Nil
(c) Proceedings under Sections 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957: —				
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made				7
(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...	...	2
(d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:—				
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit	...	...	...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1957—Part IV. Overcrowding.

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	58
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	69
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	250
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding re- ported during the year	8

Meat and Other Foods.

A large quantity of tinned and other foods were inspected during the year. The following articles were condemned as being unfit for human consumption:—

14 lbs. Bacon.	181 tins Luncheon Meat.
117 tins Beans.	4 lbs. Luncheon Meat.
163 lbs. Beef.	10 tins Meat (various).
13 lbs. Braised Steak.	71 tins Milk.
10 lbs. Butter.	15 tins Minced Beef.
27 lbs. Cheese.	5 tins Oranges.
20 Chickens.	38 tins Peaches.
40 lbs. Chopped Ham.	31 tins Pears.
20 lbs. Chopped Pork.	94 lbs. Peas.
4 tins Chopped Pork.	19 tins Plums.
297 lbs. Cooked Ham.	48 tins Pork Roll.
132 tins Corned Beef.	8 tins Salmon.
12 lbs. Corned Beef.	4 Bottles Sauce.
16 lbs. Fish.	15 tins Sheep Tongue.
14 lbs. Fruit.	28 tins Soup.
7 tins Fruit.	39 tins Spam.
15 tins Fruit Salad.	39 tins Stewed Steak.
12 tins Hamburgers.	9 tins Strawberries.
36 lbs. Jellied Veal.	125 tins Tomatoes.

"THIS ENGLAND".

*"This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in a silver sea".*

King Richard II.

TABLE A. REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

(1) Class of Premises.	(2) Number of premises registered during the year.	(3) Total number of registered premises at end of year.	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices 	41	41	41
Retail Shops 	106	105	105
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	25	25	25
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens 	9	9	9
Fuel Storage depots 	—	—	—

TABLE B. NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTOR TO REGISTERED PREMISES.

TABLE C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE.

Class of Workplace.	Number of persons employed.
(1)	(2)
Offices	511
Retail Shops	353
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	60
Catering establishments open to the public	67
Canteens	—
Fuel Storage depots	—
Total	991
Total Males	488
Total Females ...	503

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS.

M/c Line No.	Class of Premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of Cases in Cols. 3 and 4 where employees opposed application (5)	Appeals to Court against refusal to grant or extend an exemption or against the withdrawal of an exemption.	
						No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
PART I. Space (Sec. 5 (2)).							
1	Offices	—	—	—	—	—	
2	Retail shops	—	—	—	—	—	
3	Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	
4	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	—	—	—	—	—	
5	Fuel storage depots	—	—	—	—	—	
PART II. Temperature (Sec. 6).							
11	Offices	—	—	—	—	—	
12	Retail shops	—	—	—	—	—	
13	Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	
14	Catering establishments open to public, canteens... ..	—	—	—	—	—	
15	Fuel storage depots	—	—	—	—	—	

TABLE D. EXEMPTIONS (continued).

M/c Line No.	Class of Premises (1)	No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec. (2)	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year (3)	No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year (4)	No. of Cases in Cols. 3 and 4 where employees opposed application (5)	No. made (6)	No. allowed (7)
PART III. Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9).							
21	Offices	—	—	—	—	—	—
22	Retail shops	—	—	—	—	—	—
23	Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	—
24	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	Fuel storage depots	—	—	—	—	—	—
PART IV. Washing Facilities (Sec. 10).							
31	Offices	—	—	—	—	—	—
32	Retail shops	—	—	—	—	—	—
33	Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	—
34	Catering establishments open to public, canteens... ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	Fuel storage depots	—	—	—	—	—	—

TABLE E. PROSECUTIONS.

Prosecutions instituted of which the hearing was complete
in the year.

Section of Act or title of Regulation or Order.	No. of persons or companies prosecuted	No. of informations laid	No. of informations leading to a conviction
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

No. of complaints (or summary applications made under Section 22	...	...	Nil
No. of interim orders granted	...	...	Nil

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 months ended 31st December, 1965.

		Type of Property.				
		Non-Agricultural.				
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
		Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses including Council Houses.	All other (in- cluding Business Premises).	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3).	Agricul- tural
I. Number of properties in Local Authority's District						
		4	5,785	1,131	6,920	42
II. Total number of <i>properties inspected</i> as a result of notification						
		3	363	18	384	3
Number of such proper- ties found to be infested by :—						
Common Rat :	Major	1	—	—	1	1
	Minor	1	136	1	138	2
Ship Rat :	Major	—	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	—	—	—	—
House Mouse :	Major	—	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	90	14	104	1
III. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act						
		4	414	121	539	20
Number of such proper- ties found to be infested by :—						
Common Rat :	Major	—	—	—	—	1
	Minor	1	136	1	138	2
Ship Rat :	Major	—	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	—	—	—	—
House Mouse :	Major	—	—	—	—	—
	Minor	—	96	14	110	1
IV. Total number of <i>properties otherwise in- spected</i> (e.g., when visit- ed primarily for some other purpose						
		4	483	168	655	22

Type of Property.

NON-AGRICULTURAL

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses including Council Houses	All Other Including Business Premises)	Total of Cols. (1), (2) and (3)	Agricul- tural
Number of such proper- ties found to be infested by :—					
Common Rat : Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	1	6	2	9	—
Ship Rat : Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	—	—	—	—
House Mouse : Major	—	—	—	—	—
Minor	—	7	—	7	—
V. Total inspections car- ried out, including re- inspections					
(To be completed only if figures are readily avail- able.)					
VI. Number of <i>infested</i> <i>properties</i> (in sections II, III and IV) treated by the L.A.					
VII. Total treatments carried out — including re-treatments					
(To be completed only if figures are readily avail- able).					
VIII. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act :—					
(a) Treatment	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Structural Work (i.e., <i>Proofing</i>)	—	—	—	—	—
IX. Number of cases in w h i c h default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Section 4 of the Act	—	—	—	—	—

Figures not available.

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Type of Property.
Non Agricultural

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Local Authority.	Dwelling Houses (including Council Houses).	All other (in- cluding Business Premises).	Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3).	Agricultural.
X. Legal Proceedings (See. XII. below)	—	—	—	—	—
XI. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	—	—	—	—

XII. Where legal proceedings have been instituted by the Local Authority brief particulars should be given here :—

NONE

XIII. Any other points of interest.

NONE

Two sewer treatments were carried out in February/March and September/October, 1965. The following are the figures:

		No. of Manholes		Bait Taken Poison		
		Treated	Pre-bait	Small	Good	Total
February/March	...	393	69	51	36	156
September/October	...	372	77	42	33	152

All individual complaints during the year were dealt with, which entailed several visits by the Rodent Operator to one single reported case.

*“With inky blots and rotten parchment bonds;
That England, that was wont to conquer others,
Hath made a shameful conquest of itself”.*

King Richard II.

Factories and Workshops.

Total number of factories in the Area ... 8

Total number of workshops in the Area... 24

The factories and workshops are periodically inspected in order that they comply with the Factories Act, 1937.

Number of Defects.

Particulars	Number of Defects.			
	Found		Referred No. of to H.M. Prose- Inspector cutions	
Want of Cleanliness ...	3	3	—	—
Want of Ventilation ...	1	1	—	—
Want of Drainage of Floors	1	1	—	—

Sanitary Accommodation:

Other Nuisances ...	2	2	—	—
Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or Defective ...	3	3	—	—
Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
	10	10	—	—

Licensed Slaughtermen.

Several applications were received and granted by the Council during the year.

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